

Art Lesson: **Van Gogh Style Sunflowers (Option 1)**

Grade 5

Focusing on concept of creating a sunflower and using watercolor paints

Materials Needed

White watercolor paper

Water colors

Paper towels/Kleenex

Ice cube trays

Water

Pencils

Draw the Sunflowers lightly with pencil – very lightly or you can begin without drawing and simply using the watercolor paints.

Start with the center (circle), then the petals (triangles), then the stem, then the vase.

When painting with water colors use the light colors first.

Use the yellow first – remember to leave some yellow, add orange to some, brown to others.

The next color – green for the stem and leaves

The next color – maybe the vase

The darkest color (brown or black will be last)

I like to explain that even with markers it is best to start with your lightest colors, then add to your picture with the darkest. Remember to tell them to rinse their brush when switching colors. They can also use the Kleenex to make sure the brush is not too wet.

Is there a background? You can add that too.